

Touch America currently provides a frame relay connection (circuit id: 44YGGA421932) between our Helena, MT office and our ATM processor, i_Tech corporation in Billings, MT. Per the notification received from Touch America, this circuit was scheduled to be terminated on Jan. 31, 2004. We are currently working with Qwest communications to install an alternate circuit, but will like to request that the existing Touch America circuit remain active through March 1, 2004 to enable us to transtion our ATM network traffic. Disconnecting this circuit prior to March 1 would result in the shutdown of all our ATMs thorughout the state of Montana and result in a significant financial impact to American Federal Savings and disruption of service our customers. Thank You for your consideration.